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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOI PROTESTS PLANS FOR NEW FRASER HEARING
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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER DATED MAY 31 FROM
AMBASSADOR ROESMIN NURJADIN TO THE SECRETARY REGARDING
PLANS FOR NEW HIRC SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS ON TIMOR:

QUOTE: DEAR MR. SECRETARY: I WOULD LIKE TO DRAW YOUR
ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE HOUSE SUBCOMMITTEE ON
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HAS PLANS TO CONDUCT A NEW
SERIES OF HEARINGS ON TIMOR TIMUR WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE
ON JUNE 21 AND JUNE 28.

AS YOU MIGHT BE AWARE, MY GOVERNMENT HAS RECEIVED THE
DISTURBING NEWS WITH APPREHENSION. IT IS THEREFORE
NECESSARY FOR ME TO REITERATE MY GOVERNMENT'S RESENTMENT
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ABOUT ANY FURTHER DISCUSSION OF TIMOR TIMUR, AS IF IT IS
AN UNRESOLVED MATTER.

IT IS THE POSITION OF MY GOVERNMENT THAT AS A RESULT
OF THE RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION BY THE PEOPLE OF THE
TERRITORY, FORMALIZED BY LAW OF JULY 17, 1976, THE AREA
HAS BEEN A LEGITIMATE AND INTEGRAL PART OF THE REPUBLIC

OF INDONESIA. MATTERS RELATED TO THAT PROVINCE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS INDONESIA'S INTERNAL AFFAIR.

WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT WISHES TO PRESERVE THE BEST OF RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES. ON OUR PART, WE HAVE DONE EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO ACCOMMODATE THE UNITED STATES, INCLUDING DISCUSSING OPENLY OUR PRIVATE INTERNAL MATTERS WITH U.S. CONGRESSMEN AND MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR THEM TO SEE THE SITUATION FIRST HAND. BUT WE OBJECT STRONGLY TO THE PUBLIC TYPE OF INTERFERENCE IN OUR INTERNAL MATTERS THAT THESE HEARINGS REPRESENT.

ON BEHALF OF MY GOVERNMENT, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST YOUR COOPERATION IN PREVENTING THE POSSIBLE UNFAIR AND UNDESIRABLE CONSEQUENCES THAT MAY OCCUR AS A RESULT OF THESE HEARINGS. SINCERELY, ROESMIN NURJADIN.
UNQUOTE.

2. COPIES OF THE LETTER ARE BEING PROVIDED CHAIRMAN ZABLOCKI AND CONGRESSMEN BROOMFIELD AND FRASER.

3. FYI. FRASER'S CURRENT PLANS ARE TO HOLD NEW HEARINGS ON TIMOR JUNE 28 AND JULY 19. JUNE 28 HEARING APPARENTLY WILL CONCENTRATE ON SITUATION IN EAST TIMOR, WITH TESTIMONY BY GOODLING, MEYNER, SEVERAL ACADEMICS AND POSSIBLY SOME TIMORESE REFUGEES. JULY 19 HEARING WILL CONCENTRATE ON QUESTION OF DEFINITION OF QUOTE SELF-DETERMINATION
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